had recommended that 50 per cent matching grant should be provided by the Central Government for the infrastructural development and also to meet the recurring expenditures of Hostels and Ashrams; and

(b) if so, whether Government accepted this recommendation in relation to the State of Madhya Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The Working Group on Development of Scheduled Tribes during Seventh Five Year Plan recommended that "the State Plan should earmark adequate funds for expansion of hostel facilities at the primary, middle and high school stages of education in the tribal areas, both for boys and girls and matching contribution should be made available to the States from Centrally Sponsored Schemes operated by the Home Ministry", (now Ministry of Welfare).

For financial resources the Seventh Plan Document contains the available provisions. The Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the Seventh Plan for construction of hostel buildings is confined to Scheduled Tribe girls for which grants-in-aid are released to the States on matching basis. Matching grants are released to eligible States including Madhya Pradesh.

Flood Warning System by Remote Sensing

*334. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to forecast floods by covering the glaciated Himalayan Region by remote sensing and telemetry through satellites.

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Project to forecast floods in the river Yamuna at Delhi through the use of telemetry and a link with INSAT I-B is under execution. The above scheme is scheduled to be fully operational by the end of 1988. It covers the glaciated portion of Yamuna Valley.

The technique developed for prediction of inflow into the Govindsagar Reservoir on the River Sutlej through satellite telemetry is being improved for future application.

*335. [Transferred to the 19th *March*, 1987.]

Aerated Water

*336. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that aerated water manufacturers give the declaration on their products that the same "does not contain fruit juice or pulp";

(b) whether it misleads a person into believing that there is fruit contents or at least that there should be fruit content; and

(c) what are the reasons for covering it under FPO and also for not taking it out of FPO since the FPO cover misleads the consumer into believing that it has fruit in it.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a)

Manufacturers of sweetened aerated waters with no fruit content or less than 10 per cent of it make the declaration that these contain no fruit or pulp.

(b) and (c) Sweetened aerated waters are covered under the Fruit Products Order, 1955 with a view to regulating their quality and marketing, as they compete with fruit-based drinks. The declaration is not misleading, but in fact makes the nature of the product clear to the consumer.

Development of Horticulture

*337. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any strategy has been worked out by the National Horticulture Board for the development of a horticulture programme during the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the amount provided in the Seventh Five Year Plan for this sector?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The strategy basically aims at expansion of area, increase in productivity of fruits and vegetables and to develop appropriate post-harvest technology for reducing the losses of these perishable commodities.

(c) An outlay of Rs. 5 crores has been provided for Seventh Five Year Plan period to the Board.

Pdoject for Packaging of Foodstuffs

*338. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NAFED is seeking a tie-up with a foreign company for the packaging of foodstuffs and if so, the details of the project;

(b) whether the project has been cleared by Government, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the NAFED is also engaged in increasing the production of those farm products which it is exporting or is planning to export and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) NAFED has not formulated any project proposal for foreign collaboration in packaging of foodstuffs.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) NAFED is not directly engaged in agricultural production. However, the marketing and export services provided by NAFED have an impact on the production of agricultural commodities handled by it.

Condition of Children Homes in Delhi

*339. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the condition of children in the childern homes in Delhi is very deplorable;

(b) whether Government propose to institute any enquiry in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Some